

July 14, 1840.

William Yarrell, Esq., Vice-President, in the Chair.

A letter from Sir Robert Heron, Bart., dated July 8, 1840, was read. It related to a young Kangaroo, which had crawled out of the pouch of the parent long before the proper time, and was consequently unable to return; its body was marked all over by the mother in her attempts to get it back into the pouch. In a second letter Sir R. Heron states that this young Kangaroo was quite naked, and unable to move. It was some hours before he could find the keeper, and when he arrived the little animal was scarcely alive. The keeper took it home, gave it milk, and by careful treatment it quite revived, and was restored to the pouch of the mother, where it has remained for five days, appears to be perfectly well, and frequently protrudes its nose. The mother never left it, and was evidently under great anxiety.

A species of Ibex, and a Mouflon, from Erzerroom, together with some other specimens from the same part of the world, presented by Messrs. Dickson and Ross, were exhibited.

Some specimens, displaying the different stages of the *Rana Paradoxia*, were also exhibited. These specimens were brought from Demerara by Capt. Warren, who presented them to the Society.

Mr. Yarrell exhibited the first ten numbers of Mr. Audubon's new royal 8vo edition of his 'Birds of America,' in which the plates are carefully reduced and coloured from the original large drawings.

Mr. Yarrell also exhibited a specimen of the Snow Bunting, in perfect summer plumage, and stated that the bird was given to him by his friend Thomas Wortham, Esq., on whose grounds, at Royston, in Hertfordshire, it was shot, on the 22nd of May, 1840.

Mr. Fraser exhibited and pointed out the characters of the following new species of birds from the collection of the Earl of Derby :

Turdus gigas. *T. nigrescenti-olivaceus* ; *subtus fuscescenti-cinereis* ; *hâc colore apud gulam crissumque obscuriore, cauda et capite fuliginosis* ; *gutturis plumis strigd obscurâ et oblongâ notatis* ; *rostro, pedibusque flavis*.

Long. tot. 14 unc. ; *rostri*, $1\frac{1}{8}$; *alæ*, $6\frac{1}{2}$; *caudæ*, $6\frac{1}{2}$; *tarsi*, $1\frac{1}{2}$.

Hab. S^{ta}. Fé de Bogota.

This bird may at once be distinguished from any other American species with which I am acquainted by its much greater size.

Psittacus chalcopterus. *P. nigricans, nitore submetallico* ; *plumâ capitis, cæruleo, et nec non viridi lavatis* ; *illis dorsi sub-ful-*
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ginosis, tinctura viridi; illis corporis subtus cæruleo suffusus; alarum tectricibus æneo-viridibus, hic et illic ochreo tinctis; primariis, uropygio, caudæque intensè cæruleis; tectricibus caudæ paululùm virescentibus, crisso rubro; plumis femorum gutturisque rubro variegatis; alis subtus virescenti-cæruleis, tectricibus inferioribus intensè cæruleis; rostro flavo.

Long. tot. $11\frac{1}{2}$ unc.; rostri, 1; alæ, $8\frac{3}{4}$; caudæ, $3\frac{1}{2}$; tarsi, $\frac{1}{2}$.

Hab. S^{ta}. Fé de Bogota.

Very closely approximates to the *Psittacus purpureus*, Gmel., but may at once be distinguished by its beak being entirely yellow; the absence of the red spot in front of the eye; its blue rump; the feathers on the legs, throat and chest being variegated with red; the darker colour of the abdomen, and also in the colouring of the upper and under surfaces of the wings.

PICUS ELEGANS. *P. coccineus, fasciæ per genas excurrente, et abdomine, flavis; mento, guttureque nigro flavidoque variegatis; plumis pectoris et uropygii rubello, flavido, et nigro fasciatis; caudâ nigra, primariis fuscescenti-nigris, extus olivaceis.*

Fœm. *differt gutture, capiteque supernè nigris.*

Long. tot. 12 unc.; rostri, $1\frac{1}{2}$; alæ, $5\frac{3}{4}$; caudæ, $4\frac{1}{2}$; tarsi, $\frac{1}{2}$.

Hab. S^{ta}. Fé de Bogota.

Head, neck, back, wings, and moustache, blood-red; a stripe, commencing at the nostril, passing through the eye, and extending on to the ear-coverts, together with the abdomen, under surface of the tail, and wing-coverts, yellow; chin black, each feather having a narrow bar of yellow, which becomes more distinct on the throat and chest, which are tinged with red; the feathers of the rump and upper tail-coverts are similarly marked with those on the chest, but more obscurely; primaries olive; tail, beak and feet black.

The female only differs from the male in having the upper surface of the head and moustache black; all the colours are less brilliant.

This bird appears nearly related to *Colaptes campestris* (*Picus campestris*, Licht.).

The three species above described are from the collection of the Earl of Derby.

Mr. Fraser also exhibited some specimens of the true *Pteroglossus Azaræ* of Wagler and Vieillot, and pointed out the differences between that species and the bird figured by Mr. Gould, in his Monograph of the family of Toucans, under that name.

"This bird differs from the *Azaræ* of Gould, in having the broad dusky dash along the upper mandible (having seen about twenty specimens of this species, of all ages and sexes, I can safely say that it is not a sign of immaturity, or caused by decomposition, as Mr. Gould was led to suppose, but really a specific difference), the *very* broad black belt, and the *very* narrow band of scarlet across the abdomen, as may be seen by a comparison of the figure given by Gould in his Monograph, and the one by Vieillot in his *Galérie des Oiseaux*, tom. ii.

“The specimen now before me, of the *Azaræ* of Wagler, was brought from British Guiana by R. H. Schomburgk, Esq., Corr. Memb. Zool. Soc., and presented by him to this Society. In the Earl of Derby’s collection there is a specimen of the bird figured by Gould, for which I propose the name of *Pteroglossus flavirostris*, from the uniform colouring of its beak. M. Natterer informs me the latter species is from Rio Janeiro.”

Mr. Blyth exhibited a fine pair of horns of the *Rass* of Pamîr*, brought from that elevated table-land by Lieut. Wood, of Sir A. Burnes’s party. Mr. Blyth also exhibited the horns of a new species of wild Sheep, from Little Thibet, whence the specimens had been brought by G. T. Vigne, Esq., to whom he was indebted for the loan of them.

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